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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV

SUBJ: NEW OIL SPILL IN BANTRY BAY

REF: DUBLIN 1564

1. AS RESULT DAMAGE INCURRED WHILE BEING MOVED BY TUG IN GALE FORCE WINDS, TANKER "AFRAN ZODIAC" SPILLED A REPORTED 115,230 GALLONS OF HEAVY FUEL OIL AT GULF OIL COMPANY'S WHIDDY ISLAND TERMINAL IN BANTRY BAY ON JANUARY 10. GULF OIL SPOKESMAN JANUARY 12 STATED THAT 140 PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED IN MOPPING UP OIL SLICK WHICH WAS THICKER AND MORE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE FROM BEACHES THAN CRUDE OIL. CLEAN UP OPERATION EXPECTED TO TAKE AT LEAST SIX WEEKS.

2. LATEST OIL SPILL, COMING SO SOON AFTER OCTOBER INCIDENT IN WHICH SOME 560,000 GALLONS CRUDE OIL SPILLED IN BANTRY BAY, HAS RESULTED IN WIDESPREAD DEMANDS FOR MORE STRINGENT CONTROLS OVER OIL TERMINAL OPERATIONS IN BANTRY. IRISH MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND POWER, PETER BARRY, ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS PRESSING AHEAD "WITH ALL SPEED" WITH LEGISLATION TO FORM HARBOR AUTHORITY OR CONSERVANCY BOARD FOR BANTRY BAY AND THAT HE EXPECTED LEGISLATION TO BE IN EFFECT BEFORE SUMMER. MEANWHILE, CORK COUNTY MANAGER MICHAEL CONLON PUBLICLY DEMANDED AS INTERIM MEASURE THE APPOINTMENT OF

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INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR TO OVERSEE OPERATIONS AT GULF TERMINAL.

CONLON CRITICISED THE SPEED WITH WHICH INVESTIGATION AND CLEAN  
UP OF OCTOBER SPILL GOT UNDER WAY. LOCAL FISHERMEN ALSO REACTED  
SHARPLY TO SPILLAGE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME ASKED GULF NOT TO  
USE DISPERSANT BECAUSE OF DANGER TO MARINE FAUNA.

3. WE ARE ATTEMPTING OBTAIN MORE DETAILED REPORTS ON EXTENT OF  
DAMAGE AND WILL REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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